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Ghost writer of hundreds of publications.

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Cynics Dictionary

Forward BV look in PW vol. 12 pp 23-7 for a WB AUTO biography.....



Walter Breen is in lower left, front row New Netherlands 60th sale. This photo is from back inside cover United States Numismatic Literature Vol. 2, John W. Adams {1990}. WB had no photos of himself he liked, this is the way he looked.

Observations of Walter Breen.

For numismatics, some paragraphs are used in other fields so some repetition is within. WB entered coin industry just prior to 1945. No scholarly attempts had been made in this field except for promoting a sale. He found soon, coin research was easy for him. It began with U.S. \$5.00 gold, in 1948. Therefore it soon became boring, however it paid monthly (almost) expenses. For the

remaining years he was aware that it was a waste of his time, something you can never recover, unless you are an electron. He was to remain, his entire life, a starving student. Some people see the immense quantity of publications he wrote, but keep in mind this was less than 1% of his life work.

I can proceed for many hours but will keep this brief. Most of his coin records, & they are considerable, were kept in short-hand, unreadable to most persons. So, for the last decade of the 20th century I used some spare time assembling some of the more desirable groups, as he wrote them. A large percentage was destroyed (twice) in house floods, faulty roofing. The losses in numismatics pales in the other fields he studied. Literally there were dumpsters (4'x5'x3') of destroyed information.

He had the great mind of an Ancient Greek Academic. He was not being didactic, he was not telling us what is right &/or wrong, only what IS. One of the best minds on planet Ocean.

Born September 5, 1930, San Antonio, Texas (probably). Abandoned, Foundling Orphan. Brought up by an adoptive father, a traveling salesman, & an adoptive mother. She was an abusive alcoholic, whom WB said was about as fit to raise a child like me as a chimpanzee was capable of. He taught himself reading, due to curiosity. He was fascinated with the human body, at 4 years old, so he borrowed a copy of Gray's Anatomy from a neighbor whom was a medical student, & asked questions. His dislike of his own body would trouble him until the day he died. Of course this curiosity leads to a dictionary. So, he became a green monkey among the pink monkeys in the orphanage. In and out of orphanages as a youth, sexually abused and usually neglected, despised for his intelligence and non-conformity. Seeker of the truth, extreme pacifist at an early age. He never forced himself on anyone, ever, for any reason, for any reward. Became passionate about classical music, due to radio, which would continue for life.

His adoptive parents divorced in 1936 (?verify, how). [It is known he was in ill health all of his life, in his 40's his teeth were ruining his immune system.] He contracted pneumonia & scarlet fever, envisioned Jesus in delirium, so, his step-mother rejoined the Catholic Church, soon after she got custody, changed WB's name so the step-father was unable to locate WB. In 1937 she placed him in a Catholic Church Orphanage in Wheeling W.Va., which he said was probably the equivalent of a concentration camp. However they taught him to maintain belief in God & HE was delighted by our sufferings, & the more suffering you do, the more happier the afterlife would be. In 22 months he completed grade school. WB was unable (following Judaic practices) to use the name 'God' in prayers, so he employed "Who ever, What ever." His step-mother believed he had a vocation for the priesthood, so off to a monastery in Hyattsville Md, (Trinitarians) he was underage, & it did not work out very well at all. Back to Wheeling, he graduated from Central Catholic High School a few months before his 14th birthday.

He was not a normal teen-ager, he did not 'fit-in' among age group males. It was 1944, his step-mother somehow produced a phony birth certificate, so, in October 1946 he joined the Air Force, trained at Lackland AFB, near Ft. Sam Houston & Kelly Fields, San Antonio, TX. In Dec.(3rd,4th) he was beaten-up & left for dead. Hospitalized in Lackland AFB hospital, with no prior memory of his earlier life. His adoptive mother was summoned & she turned him over to a priest. Again it did not work out too well, threats of damnation was no course to employ with WB. Upon beginning to regain some normalcy, he went to libraries to reeducate himself. In Feb. 1947 discharged "Section 8", honorable, as "inadaptable". He returned to his step-mother whom kept him locked in the house, fearing he was dangerous. Her mind was going, she was the dangerous one. Six months later she sent him to St. Edward's College, Austin TX. Musical ability attracted him to the choir. Health again failed, so he was admitted the day before Thanksgiving to a V.A. Hospital, unable to sleep & very rundown. Thanksgiving day his step-mother disowned him in a screaming fit that so alarmed the authorities she was prohibited from visiting him again. I knew him well & I must now say he was one of the lowest-drama persons I have ever met; however those sort of people surrounded him his entire life. Learning a little about coins in the libraries (1945-6), he began corresponding with coin collectors (see some 1947-8 dated letters in the archives) which would be a lifelong endeavor. Spring 1948 released & sent to Boston, (Hayden Memorial Goodwill Inn, see Dr. Sheldon in other fields) turned out to be a place for juvenile delinquents. No place for a brutally honest young man. Spending much happy times in libraries, he bummed around Boston, going to concerts, beginning to see the simplicity of coin collecting, & the few suitable sources of information, his curiosity was forever ignited. However his health again began to fail. October 8th, 1948 he was admitted to Cushing VA Hospital until August 1950. Herein he began correspondence with John J. Ford, whom introduced him (Dec. 1950) to Wayte Raymond. WR noted his extreme intelligence & hired him to research the National Archives for mint information. January 1951 his study of the Archives information began (1st installment) & spent time with Smithsonian's Stuart Mosher (Curator of Numismatics), whom became one of his few, dearest, & trusted friends in numismatics. As Editor of the Numismatist, he taught WB editing, lay-outs etc., becoming Acting Editor during SM's tenure. Lew Reagan disapproved. Later that spring he briefly worked at ANS, then Stack's, but screaming bouts between Morton & J.B. discouraged WB. On to Johns Hopkins University, "New Plan" scoring a pair of 800's on SAT's, he was granted a scholarship.

Eidetic memory auditory and visual, the Genius' genius. A card-carrying genius, seriously: for fun he carried in his wallet a business card that simply said Genius! Wrote with both hands and both feet! Witnessed: typing on typewriter with left hand and a word processor (DecMate) with the right hand simultaneously, two different subjects.

Graduated Alpha Chapter Phi Beta Kappa Johns Hopkins University, BA Humanities Phi Beta Kappa key which he employed as a zipper pull. 1952 summer session, (in < 9 months, 1st & 2nd term Sept.-Dec. & Jan-May 1952) he had no money for tuition so he tested through, VA benefits were a pittance. Spare time was spent in the Astronomy Club, History of Ideas Club, & Phalanx, a kind of proto-Mensa. Pre-Med Columbia 1955-7 however he had no personality for medicine, & feared the sight of blood. I found

between 25-30 university degrees in his library in 1992, I considered him self educated however. MA Sociology UCB 1966. Recipient Silver Medal of Honor Roosevelt University 1966. I knew positively of these 27 or 28 college degrees, certain of more. Most fun he had on any campus: Princeton, he felt completely at home because he was among his own kind. The stories were hilarious. One of his largest regrets of his life was not meeting Einstein while he was at Princeton, WB thought AE would not speak with him because he did not like children, WB was wrong. Cambridge Univ. was also a favorite place, easily said any world class library felt like home. Accepted to UC Berkeley as a graduate student in Sociology in Sept. 1960, (GRE's +/- 800, Miller Analogies in middle 90's) class of 1966 MA thesis The changing social status of the musician is a worthwhile read.

Most of us—as hairless apes—have the three basic needs: Food, Shelter, Sex. Walter's consisted of: Honesty, Knowledge, Music, Food, Shelter, Sex.

Musical genius. Child prodigy. Best I have ever seen at Harpsichord, Piano (composer), Harpsichord as if Scarlatti is present in the room. Music history: He was considered the leading living Baroque music historian of the last half of the 20th Century. Vinyl album collection consisted of the great classical composers, shelved about 12'. Between Bach & Beethoven was the Beatles. He first heard the Beatles via his brother-in-law 'Tomorrow never knows' (Revolver) and had a ASC, he was forever a fan.

We thrived in the same "Idea Pool", "Imagination Pool", "Thought Pool". He was so much smarter than I, but he told me I ask better questions than anyone he ever met.

Altered states of consciousness is most important. Mozart, Scarlatti, Bach, Puccini, Brahms, Tesla, Socrates, LDV, Wm. Blake, history's best Mathematician Shrivasa Ramajanaian all used the ASC as a guide, Einstein qualified as a user. Some use self hypnosis, some drugs. My: A librarian at a window, I ask a question, need to see a book, the man retrieves it so I can find the answer. This I mistakenly found in my early 20's while learning to meditate and use LSD-25 (Owsley) & LSD-26 (Orange Sunshine, thanks Nick Sand). These are referred to by most as the Hindu Akashic Records.

Number 3 (also 6 & 9) is important. Mathematical genius, desired to teach math, but I must say he had not the personality for those of us who are slow learners.

Expert in Astrology, Mathematics, Chemistry, languages (+15): French, Spanish, Latin, Italian, Classical Greek, referred to himself as an amateur in the other 10 or so.

WB's brain was unusual, he possessed a high number of neutrons, also more glycol than average people. Brain and mind are two different items. Word class linguist. A walking talking thesaurus, whom employed precise nomenclature. IQ over 200, the test he took years ago: answered all questions 100% correct with time remaining so he returned to question number one and wrote if you change ___ word in the question to ___ then answer ___ is correct. An original NYC Mensa (1961) member—one of 12—whom abdicated 1963 due to anti-Semitic comments made by members. WB did things on a

massive scale compared to others. He had no tolerance for theft. He despised coin dealers profiting off him & robbing collectors. When WB entered a room the energy became intense, I witnessed this many times.

Who's Who in America 1990-1 vol. 1. Who's Who in the West: 22nd edition. Democrat. His paramount desire: To help others by spreading the truth.

Began writing Science Fiction after moving to Berkeley in 1960, & met Marion Zimmer Bradley in 1962 among sci-fi circles, later marrying her in 1964. The unsung founder Order of the Laurel Society for Creative Anachronism 1969. Darkover (Sci-fi) series author written in whole, his wife Marion Zimmer Bradley was best known for The Mists of Avalon. Contempt for the immoral: Expert numismatist, if you were to hand him a counterfeit or known stolen coin he would sternly insist you retrieve it from him immediately "...Take it from me please, I don't want to touch it." He had contempt for coin dealers but made a modest living as a researcher. ... 'A Knockout scheme: a dealer—one whom had been in the business for over 50 years 1930's-80's—borrowed six-figures in cash from several dealers at a coin show on Thursday and Friday then filed bankruptcy on the following Monday and refused to pay his debtors back. Some dealers knowingly and intentionally sold counterfeits to anyone whom would pay their price. See also Vincent v. Swiateck, USA v. Goodman for court testimony. Many lied about the facts to secure a higher price for items of questionable value. Most I knew of were either regular or habitual cocaine users. Outright theft is also practiced, usually ignored, sometimes encouraged, some even take to an 'art form.' WB became involved in numismatics because it was so simple, it took less than 1% of his time. He would have done so much more if he were able to tolerate the dealers. Anthony Swiateck often insulted WB: "Hey Walter how's it hanging?" I told him at ANA Chicago to respond "Long, loose, full of juice." This question was never posed again; WB to me "that one is going to get around" due to others that listened to his reply. Dealers take monetary advantage of buyers on a regular basis, when buyers take advantage of dealers the seller is 'blacklisted'. That is a really good list to be on.

One of the best decisions—he warned me repeatedly, as did family members—I ever made was to distance myself from his 'coin people' to save my reputation & credibility (see NB 96:20 'birds of a feather...scum of the earth'), & I found it boring. WB was seminal in this decision, so numerous were other fields of study, this comes nearly last. As numerical grading was changing the industry I often noticed the errors within, AU's were now Uncirculated, expanding on the old phrase "cabinet friction." He strongly reminded me that coin associations marred his credibility in his other fields of study. His experience: "The leaders of marauders eventually are turned upon by their own ruthless men." A bourse floor (trade show, a group of 50-250 dealers) is den of thieves, "gimmie-pigs" & grifters. "I got mine first, cheaper and mine is better than yours..." Coin buyers believe in suppressing information, stealing and manipulating so it fits their own needs; upon selling they know every detail about the item. Sometimes theft should be a capital offense. Honest v. dishonest = oil v. water. Liars always have the advantage. It has always been believed that the coin industry needed to be regulated (price regulations). The Government (Congress) held hearings in the mid 1980's to explore the possibilities.

The 'leaders' in the industry claimed they would "self-regulate" which is comparable to the inmates watching the prison. It was a lie, the ANA President tricked the Senators. The ANA President in our presence in the early 1990's laughed about the hearings. WB privately: 'I paraphrase our later conversation' The ANA group 'enforcers' are the biggest of the crooks! The only group of people that do business "by their good (credible) word" are the bankers. The co(i)n people claim to, but they lie and steal for self gain and other reasons. 90% of the co(i)n dealers are in debt and financially challenged. To be sued for the 'dirt' you must show '~~disregard for the truth~~'. In the Pacific N-W (Gig Harbor WA) is a "psychologist" shyster that had no understanding of primitive mans' thinking, which is a must for a 'psychologist'; his 'anger management' was a con of Washington State. All DUI (drunk drivers) had to attend his classes at a very high price, which the state paid regularly. Profits went into coins, you can guess the rest. When a dealer experiences financial difficulties it is well practiced & encouraged to stage a robbery or file bankruptcy & begin again.

Walters' legal problems began as blackmail. A person can't blackmail an honest person, so generally lying to law enforcement was the only way to damage him. WB never instigated a sex act but seldom refused a request, humans only, but nothing perverted, a bi-sexual, loved orgies. SO: In Greyhaven on the top floor in a bedroom, a family member was enjoying video porn, a 17 year old guest—planted by his mother—was also. WB was on main floor in the kitchen making tea, then ascended the stairs with 2 cups to the library where we were working. The guest came down one flight of stairs stated the action above and asked "what is it like"? WB replied sex can not be learned by acquaintance only association (Bertrand Russell). The guest requested association, so it was granted. Followed by conviction #1 untrue details to law enforcement supplied by WB's daughter. Arrest, trial, probation, community service, Berkeley. Lie #2: a coin collector in Florida boasting to a co-worker that WB was a house guest. Co-worker informed booster that WB was a child molester. Booster had a teenage son, called law-enforcement, police arrested WB, held in FL jail he missed his weekly probation interview in CA. No sexual activity occurred with WB, I for one believe him. Upon return to Berkeley he was arrested, imprisoned. Liars always have the advantage. Judge was up for re-election. To address the parent that makes claims WB molested his teen-ager for years: your teen was a willing participant. WB loved the wrong people.

Odd that the people that speak badly about WB admit to never meeting him.

Walter's health problems in the late 1950' & early 1960's mostly began with his teeth., they were in decay, stated above. By his 50's he had them all extracted. Some weeks he would only sleep 6 hours. Migraine headaches he cured with LSD-25, thanks TL. A very picky eater. His mental depression was mostly caused by his childhood, the other portion caused by people whom surrounded him for their self-centered use.

LSD-25 expert, self guided! My only equal to WB. Tim Leary Phd was a very close family friend. LSD-25 is not a recreational drug nor a toy, it is the only known cure for migraine headaches, President Johnson signed the law (Oct. 1966) making it illegal. Also LSD-25 has many other uses to cure personality deficiencies, the only problem I

ever encountered: "LSD-25 wears off." My regret: I did not bring an audio tape-recorder when consuming tryptamine as WB suggested. The conversations we had were of any known things inside the cosmos, unknown things were many.

One of my fondest memories of WB is when he would recite his favorite excerpts from the Cynics Dictionary. He made me laugh so hard my abdomen hurt & there were tears in my eyes. This is one of the best studies on language & social practices of the late 20th century ever written.

I remember sitting at lectures with WB, often he was bored, he would play an imaginary piano (or harpsichord) with his toes. Somewhere in the thousands of papers he gifted me is a small scrap of paper 3" x 3" that reads: "left hand—right hand—left foot—right foot. This has not changed much since childhood". I write with both hands but not either of my feet!

If a person wanted eye-witness, reliable information concerning the 1950's-1980's you would do well to ask WB about Greenwich Village NYC Beat Movement, North Beach SF later to move to The Haight Ashbury district in 1967 & Berkeley CA, he was a central figure in all. The Height-Ashbury society began in North Beach SF as the Bohemians of the Beat Movement (Beatnik subculture) of the late 1950's and early 1960's, a few years later migrated to H-A as the Hippies due to lower rents. LSD-25 proper use dissolved WB's ego, see Leary Psychedelic Experience. Late in 1967 he moved back to NY, on promise of full time work which never materialized. Living on unemployment, writing record liner notes for Parnassus Records, & a few jobs for Lester Merkin, writing for underground newspapers under various pen-names, poverty was a way of life. In 1970-71 he edited Sybil Leek's Astrology Journal.

Suffered from depression, mostly a symptom of disappointment in the human race. Ultimate pacifist. "Advancement in thought & science(s) involves absolute rejection of authority." Human quirks: Dressed (1960's-'90's) only in tie-dye t-shirts, shorts with as many pockets as possible, 6'4" tall & size 16 sandals, weight was +250 lbs., love-beads of the 1960's, carried stones & crystals, never shaved his face, nor cut hair. Unfortunate allergy to almost all deodorants. Unfortunate dietary restrictions. Made tea by heating one cup water then threw in a handful of dry tea leaves, drank it leaving the tea leaves in the cup, staining his dentures. Transported books, typewriter, manuscripts, writing instruments, change of cloths, vitamins, MilkyWay bars in a baby carriage. Had no desire of monetary wealth, altho for a decade he was wealthy, due to MZB's authorship. Considering wealth as knowledge, he was wealthy beyond belief. Strangers, after meeting him for the first time often murmured "...what was that?..." WB admired my 28 pocket astronomer's vest.

Advised this writer: "...Stay away from coin people..." WB was routinely a victim of theft and blackmail. He kept his coin collection in a bowling-ball-bag. It was almost thrown out when we moved his possessions out of "Grey-Haven" basement, family and friends knew nothing of it. WB had no 'friends' in numismatics altho many claimed to be. He had nothing good to say about any except: Dr. Vladimir & Elvira Clain-Stefanelli, Ken

Bressett, Stuart Mosher & Eric P. Newman. Regretted authoring Walter Breen's Encyclopedia of United States Half Cents 1793-1857 {1983}. WB said "All I really accomplished in numismatics was to make a few already wealthy people much wealthier." Jack Collins was WB's coin photographer whom had agoraphobia (fear of leaving home) and published words out-of-the mouth of WB which he had no right to: the biggest insult was his Coin World obituary, WB died on April 18, 1993, 12:30 am, his ashes were not interred in the sea, this writer put them under an apple tree on June 19, 1993 in Northern California near Garberville, JC was not invited to the funeral. Six people--'his trusted ones'--were present. At a trade show a coin collector once said to me: "...I have a masters in chemistry and do not have answers for him..." concerning a few casual questions WB had asked. Among coin people WB was the good-guy, surrounded by gimme-pigs. One honest v. dishonest groups = many enemies.

We both studied the formation of Stonehenge, I concentrated on the Archaeoastronomy aspect while WB moved into the center and proclaimed it was sound that was being collected. He heard noise from miles away, this was dependent on which way he was facing. My observations for the star alignments stand that we have no complete picture of how many wooden structures were present within the circles and at what time periods they existed and how they evolved. See also Avebury.

He compared himself to Leonardo DaVinci, but WB had no set life path and had many enemies. LDV was obsessed with being famous, WB the opposite. Many people believed he was Beethoven reincarnated; WB loved Mozart, Scarlatti, expertly played harpsichord, piano. World renowned music expert of Baroque period, who shelved his Beatles albums between Bach & Beethoven. He was certainly one of the most misunderstood persons of the 20th century. He disliked wearing cloths, when he felt perfectly comfortable in his surroundings he would disrobe. WB loved to smoke marijuana and talk: study light, astronomy, economics, music, chemistry, electricity, Archaeoastronomy, ancient Greek lifestyles, Egypt, multiple languages, mathematics, physics.

Question: Why me to condense his archives? Answer: TRUST. Mostly because I did not want the job. Most people wanted something from WB, not me, I simply liked him; & he & my wife were fast & good friends. We met at the Dorothy Chandler Pavilion in Pasadena Cali.. Immediate friends, as if we were separated years earlier in the orphanage. We were closer than brothers, we never fought, just disagreed with respect. I read +1,500 words per minute. Left handed or right. Honest, do not steal, well functioning bullshit-filter. Should live to the year 2030. Multi-lingual. Can't be bribed, not impressed with wealth. I had no interest in Bi-sexuality, I am heterosexual and happily married (however, widowed after 25 years) & he knew it. I did not know WB was bi-sexual until after he died, I simply did not care about his sex life. In order to learn from him I forced myself to tolerate & accept his idiosyncrasies & he mine. Personal hygiene, he was allergic to soaps and detergents, deodorants, perfumes. Some say he was a nudist, he was not. He took air baths like Ben Franklin. Explosive temper, manic-depression with a nearly perfect memory is dangerous. We loved multi-tasking projects, usually four books/subjects/fields at once. Question everything! Find the true and

accurate source, never repeat nonsense unless it is so stated and for good reason: Santa Clause, the Easter Bunny, ect.. WB & I worked in concert so well because we are both only happy when we are multi-tasking. We both sincerely believed in the free sharing of accurate information for the good of fellow man. On a daily basis we said to each other an old Latin phrase: A blackbird always sits close to a blackbird; today's 'birds of a feather'. Also Issac Newton Principia: ...I could not have asked the question if I did not know the answer first... was a way of life for WB & I.

Censorship is repulsive. Pity the narrow-minded if they encountered WB. If you are a racist and/or a bigot he would tell you to your face of your low primate value. Walter Breen was for most people very difficult to associate with. Strange in many ways, did a lot of "daydreaming" sometimes hours at a time sometimes a few seconds, in an altered state of consciousness. His powers of concentration were unparalleled. He could multi-task like few who have ever lived. He had many narrow-minded enemies. To say he was intelligent was an understatement, to say he was 100% honest was an understatement. Like all mammals a flawed personality. Very funny. All should be thankful that he was a good person with a white spirit, rather than the opposite. If you are a dishonest person seeking personal gain WB was a VERY unpleasant presence.

Could not remember where he (me either) parked his car, street or parking areas. Road-trips were a hoot. The last half of the 20th century's eccentric genius. Isaac Asimov called him 'the' renaissance man of the 20th century. In the 1960-9's he transported his manuscripts, typewriter, books, change of cloths, candy & vitamins by pushing a baby carriage. Read 5 or 6 books daily. Over 6' tall, 280 lbs., large head, large hands and feet size 47N Birkenstocks sandals. Full head of hair & beard, spectacles. 1990's: Tye-dye tee-shirt, love-beads ('60's), cargo shorts (and sometimes coat) with many pockets, all which were full. A money belt or a fanny pack around the waist. In later years, baby carriage was replaced with a large back-pack. He would converse with anyone about any subject, once. If you asked a question you had better be prepared for an answer, he tells the brutal truth. Many times he sternly said to me: Don't make me repeat myself! My reply: I'm not as smart as you! He was a practical joker. In the Half-Cent book is a photo of him seated at a desk giving an illusion of a library or a study, it was a furniture store in Los Angeles. At that time only four people knew this fact, his pot pipe is in the ashtray on the desk, a photo not used there is smoke rising. I knew WB's brain better than anyone in coins (he had a dislike for coin people) because he gave me his notebooks. There were other people that knew him better, but none were coin people. I asked him why he associated with co(i)n people and he said: "It pays, when they are not ripping me off." Derogatory information was used against him simply to discredit him. WB: "All I did in coins was make a few already wealthy people much wealthier (Wormser, Ford, Sheldon).

The library at 2032 Fulton St., Berkeley CA consisted of the master bedroom full of banker boxes of books, only a two foot wide walking passage, in the 'upper-room' an east facing porch of the tuberculosis style was a desk with chair and more boxes of books, letters, manuscripts. A box of Milky Way Dark candy bars barely lasted us a day. The basement was indescribable. Back in 1975 (Jan.7th) he gave an extraordinary

lecture at Princeton Univ., "Tolkien & the Occult Revival" sponsored jointly by the English Dept., & the Infinity Club (student literary group specializing in Tolkien's work). This led to the (sadly) unpublished book Tolkien and Wagner: Two Rings of Power. See music notes, Wagner music & Tolkien text, WOW!.

Astrologer extraordinaire. The 2030's will equal the 1960's movements, said he. Penned a letter to NASA explaining reasons not to launch Apollo 13, they responded.

Ancient Greek expert, author of Greek Love. Published by his dear friend Robert Bashlow's company; also International Journal of Greek Love. This is one of the most misunderstood scientific sexual studies ever published. The ignorant simply saw it as homosexual pornography, it was an expert study of historic Greek sexual practices 2,500 years ago. Self confessed sexual expert, a test subject in Kinsey. GL was, like 98% of all WB's studies, a scientific publication. Subject matter was on ancient Greek sex with artistic license with the names of players. It was not written as entertainment. It is a scientific study of sex in Greece. He wrote GL II and GL III which remains unpublished as of 2016. Founding member of NAMBLA, he authored the by-laws.

LSD cured his migraine headaches in 1967, a "close family friend of Dr. Tim Leary." Ghost writer of over 200 articles and books: Playboy magazine..... WB was against all forms of controlling anyones behavior and thought, just like Thomas Jefferson. Very, very funny person. Only happy while typing. Loved sex, a practicing bi-sexual. He was convicted as a sex offender for a parole violation (out of CA for business in FL was arrested on false charges & could not return to CA) for a misdemeanor: underage male sex predator whom (postured as the victim) begged to perform oral sex on Walter just to see what it was like, on the Grey-Haven central staircase. There were family members with sexual & mental problems that were involved. This gave him syngenesophobia: fear of relatives. The 1980's were a time of psychologists claiming persons with certain mental problems were caused by hidden or suppressed memories of being molested sexually as a very young person. With very little practice anyone can implant 'hidden memories' in anyone. A few words about his family. Abandoned by both parents at about age three, mother first then father. Wife Marion Zimmer Bradley was a monster. A sexual predator of the highest order. A master at manipulating people for her own uses. Daughter Dorthy aka Moria, mentally ill, high-drama, 'Her way or no way...'. Contacted law-enforcement with untrue sexual charges, eventually WB died in prison. Son Patrick the most level-headed of the group, highly intelligent, struggled with mental illness and usually very successful. He could easily have been a very bad person.

Brutally honest, he had a clear enough memory to lie but always refused to do so: "...once your credibility is gone, it is GONE..." Blazing Saddles {1974} by Mel Brooks was his favorite movie, always producing laughter-to-tears. His other favorites were the Star Wars movies.

Annotated Alice {196_} was one of his very favorite books, his annotated copy is priceless. Co-Author of Earth's Shifting Crust {1958} with Charles Hapgood, most of the

ideas were Breen's. One of WB's biggest regrets was he did not assist with the rewrite of ESC, the second edition was titled: {19__} Maps of the Ancient Sea Kings see also Path of the Pole {1958}. Favorite music radio: Dr Demento: Barry Hansen. Upon checking into a hotel room the first thing WB would do is look into the bureau drawers and find the house bible and inscribe the title page: "Compliments of the Author". Won many 'name it now' contests of classical music on radio: the first person to call in with the correct title of the song being played would normally win concert tickets, this was in the day of rotary-dial phones. Society of Acronyms founder (dress-up in costume). He was playful. Surrounded by "gimme-pigs" his entire life. Gentlest, kindest and most passive person one could have known.

Biblical scholar of the highest level. Conservative religious views. The 'Burning Bush' was a research project we regrettably did not complete. I suggested and am convinced the burning bush was marijuana (possibly opium), he was trying to prove this theory correct, but ran out of time. He owned a few more than 200 Bibles, and other source material (as do I). Certain that the Christian Eucharist: wine and showbread (hallucinogen), Catholic frankincense (hallucinogen) Myrrh (sleep aid), suggests to me the 'burning bush' was either poppy opiate or marijuana. When I consume either I construct multiple noumenon, as do most others. The 'Creator,' some use the name God: we said Who Ever/What Ever. In prayer one best be positive as to whom/what is listening The biblical superstition portions are for me the entertainment aspect. Biblical translation errors (some purposeful) are numerous. Both of us were fully aware 80% of all this planet's life is in the oceans, of which we know about 5%. To state to know or have a direct line of contact with the creator of +100,000,000,000 galaxies is folly; it seems the ones who claim to know the most know the least. Beware the person that knows the price of everything but the value of nothing.

To understand WB see Diogenes. He was somewhat like Diogenes (4th Cent BCE) the founding father of cynicism, read Diogenes' life in and around Athens and Corinth. Cynic ideas are inseparable from cynic practice. Diogenes was the first to coin the word cosmopolitan. First to use the middle finger, aka 'flip the bird'. First recorded use while he was attending a lecture of Demosthenes, when a person wanted to speak at these lectures one held up the forefinger for recognition before speaking. This middle-finger gesture really caught on. Diogenes distained Plato's philosophy. He taught by living example. The word cynic: Greek Kynikos, kynikos, dog-like. Dog Kyon Kuwv (kynos). Star Trek's Spock the Vulcan "Live long and prosper" was his favorite hand gesture upon greeting people he loved. He had an affinity for children, because in their presence he could be the child he never was.

I wish he would have written the definitive book on 1960's slang language: If it feels good, do it!. Are you hip?. Are you holding?. Do'in what comes naturally. Far out Man (1910 jazz). Groovy. Sock it to me. You are square. Cut-out on the double. Bummer.

I find the super intelligent fascinating, life is a science project/We are what we think/ have desert first, then entree..... The human brain is large so we can know all history see A. Huxley Doors of Perception.

Firmly believed in reincarnation. Past lives: "I sat at Socrates feet..." He believed in the ancient Greek way of life. A free thinker, democracy, The Academy. Know thyself, enjoy thyself. My translation: You Be, be You. Clearest memories he recalled were a result of Roling sessions. Past life memories: We were Vikings twice, Egyptian scholars, Greeks (The Academy), Italians, others; WE wish many more to come. My wife Anna and WB were both present at King Richard III coronation 1483 CE. I will see you again soon my friend; you should be back by 2020.

One of W.H. Sheldon's "Whiz Kids" at Columbia Univ. Laboratory. Others act Sarfatti included An Rand, former Fed. Reserve Chair Alan Greenspan; see Anthony Forwood Exposing the Truth 11/13/13 (mostly on music of the Doors and Zapa).

In the early 1950's writing for the Numismatist, he moved to Numismatic Scrapbook because it paid, Num. did not. The 1952 ANA catalog via New Netherlands company was one of WB's introductory texts, with Wormser & Ford. This catalog was the beginning of something new. Beginning in Sept. 1952 he was employed full-time. Low salary prompted him to write articles for pay & cherry-pick rarities in coin shops & conventions, until 1960. He was banned from Gimbel's Department store in NYC at the coin counter, for his success.

Encyclopedia Britannica purchased his article Numismatics, U.S.A in 1958 & published it in the 1965 edition. He edited MANA News Quarterly 1956-60.

With his immense curiosity for the human body he completed premedical at Columbia Univ., attempted medical school by application at almost every medical school in the U.S., however denied. [The coin industry was a dead-end.] He told me it was a conundrum, he was smart enough, but not personally suited to be a doctor, horrified at the sight of blood. He felt regret in the late 1980's realizing he could probably cure AIDS with the proper group of associates.

In 1963 Coin World weekly newspaper had him write Bristles & Barbs, later transferred to Coins Magazine. Also that year he began with Don Taxay, The Institute of Numismatic Authenticators. Roosevelt University: Curriculum of Numismatics aborted due to no funding; & DT was caught counterfeiting WB COA's. Lester Merkin hired WB part time 1963-72 to write catalogs, but robberies in 1965 & 1968 rendered his pay-roll abilities impossible.

1967-72 were spent in NY, see above; at the 1972 ANA he scored big-time & could afford to move back to Calif.. 1971 he joined First Coin Investors (Stanley Afelbaum, bankrupt in 198_)

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